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 8 of five hundred thousand and
 9 eighty thousand men; and grow-
 10 eth strong and prospereth; for
 11 he and the people fought the
 12 Lord.
 3059 11 *Afa* and *Baasha* fall to wars af-
 12 ter ten years quiet; and these
 13 wars continue while they two
 14 live together, 1 *King*. 15. 16. 32.
 3062 14 *Afa* destroyeth a million of
 3063 15 *Cushites*.
 At *Pentecost* this fifteenth of
Afa, 2 *Chron*. 15. 10. he maketh a
 thowrow Reformation upon the
 Council of *Azariah* a Prophet; and the people enter into a Covenant, and
 an Oath, to destroy those that would not leave their Idols to seek God.
 This Oath un-Queens the Kings Grandmother for her Idolatry part; she
 must dye if she do the like again. In the Story of the Reformation
 wrought by *Afa*, it is said that שֵׁשׁ יָמִים וְעֶשְׂרִי הַקֶּרֶן 1 *Kings* 15. 12. He took
 away the *Sodomites*; or the men that prostituted themselves to *Sodom*,
 and the women that kept brothel houses, against a plain and expref Law,
Deut. 23. 17. These *Sodomites* seem to have been some remnant of the *Ca-
 naanites* that were left in the Land, and that followed the *Canaanitish* fil-
 chinefs; not any remnant of the City *Sodom*, but called *Sodomites* be-
 cause they followed the abomination that City. In 2 *King*. 23. 7. there is
 mention of *Sodomites houses* that were by the *House of the Lord*. Probably
 houses of *Jebusites* that stood near to the Mount of the House of the
 Lord; for that Mount was purchased from *Ornan* the King of the *Jebu-
 sites*, King there when *David* conquered *Jerusalem*.

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 16 *ASA* bringeth dedicate things
 17 into the Temple. This fe-
 venteenth year of *Asaes* reign is
 called the six and thirtieth year of
 his Kingdom, 2 *Chron*. 15. 19. And
 there was no war more unto the six
 and thirtieth year of *Asaes* King-
 dom. And 2 *Chron*. 16. 1. In the
 six and thirtieth year of *Asaes* Kingdom, *Baasha* King of *Israel* came up: The
 Hebrew word שלמה is not to be understood of the time of *Asaes* reign,
 but the Kingdom of *Afa*, distinct from the Kingdom of *Israel*: That
 it cannot be understood of the time of *Asaes* reign appears by this,
 because *Baasha* was dead many years before the six and thirtieth
 year of *Asaes* reign came: For if *Baasha* began to reign in the third
 year of *Afa*, and reigned but four and twenty years, as 1 *King*. 15.
 33. aserteth, then was *Baasha* dead nine full years before the six and thir-
 tieth year of *Afa* came, and therefore he could not then possibly come up
 against *Judah*, for he was rotten in his grave: But it is thus to be under-
 stood, that in the six and thirtieth year of *Asaes* Kingdom, that is, of the
 Kingdom of *Judah* since the revolt of the ten tribes, *Baasha* came up against
 that Kingdom and warred against it, the Kingdom that God would not have
 to be fought against. Now as *Jeroboam* had made the division, which had
 now continued six and thirty years, viz. 17 of *Rehoboam*, 3 of *Abijah* and
 16 of *Afa*, so doth *Baasha* go about now to confirm that division, for he
 setteth on to build and Garrison *Ramah*, that he might stop all entercourfe
 betwixt *Israel* and *Judah*, and therefore the Holy Ghost reckoneth the time
 of this act of *Baasha* by a computation from the first division. And he calls
 it the Kingdom of *Afa*, the rather also, because he had lately confirmed and
 established it to himself, as far as it was possible for him to do, namely,
 by a Reformation and a Covenant: But now doth *Afa* exceeding ill, for he
 relieth upon an arm of flesh, the King of *Syria*, he hireth him with dedicate
 things which himself had dedicated but a year or two before: he bringeth
 a forraign

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 18 *ASA* upon this reliance up-
 19 on *Syria* declineth exceed-
 20 ingly from his former goodness;
 21 for he grows not only harsh to
 22 the Prophet *Hanani* that repro-
 23 ved him, but he also began to
 24 use harshness, and to tyrannize
 25 over his Subjects; and for this
 his alteration he is in continual
 wars and troubles.
 3074 26 *Afa* seeth an end of his great
 Enemy.
 3075 27 *Baasha*, and the ruine of that
 family, as he had seen the ruine
 of the family of *Jeroboam*.

2 CHRON. XVI. vers. 7. to
 vers. 11.

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 28 *ASA* seeth now a third change
 29 in the Kingdom of *Israel*;
 30 first the family of *Jeroboam*, then
 31 of *Baasha*, now of *Omri*. Thus
 32 speedily doth Idolatry root Fa-
 33 milies out, and thus little stabili-
 34 ty is there with those that for-
 35 sake God. *Athaliah*, a spawn of
 36 this last family setteth hard in
 37 time to bring in the like ruine
 and confusion into the royal
 stock of *Judah*, that is now in
Israel, when the goeth about to
 destroy the Kings Seed.

2 CHRON. XVI. ver. 11, 12,
 13, 14.

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 38 *FROM* this second of *Omri*
 39 42 years are reckoned to
 40 *Athaliah*, 2 *Chron*. 22. 2. of which
 41 5 when we come there.
 42 In the one and thirtieth year of
 43 *Afa* *Tibni* is conquered, and
 44 *Omri* is sole King; He reigneth
 45 six years in *Tirzah*, and then re-
 46 moveth to *Samaria*, which he had
 built; for *Zimri* had fired the
 Kings Palace at *Tirza*. *Omri* is
 more wicked then any that went
 before him; he maketh cursed
 Statutes, *Mich*. 6. 16.

1 KINGS XVI. vers. 1. to
 vers. 23.

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 37 *AS* *Hanani* the Seer repro-
 38 ved *Afa* for his reliance
 39 upon *Syria*, to *Jehu* the son of
 40 *Hanani* reproveh *Baasha* for his
 41 Idolatry, and threatneth destru-
 42 ction to him and to his family,
 43 and the same fate is denounced
 44 to his house that had befallen the
 house of *Jeroboam*.
 1 E L A H reigneth in the
 26 of *Afa*, 1 *King*. 16. 8.
 2 I O M R I reigneth, hav-
 ing slain *Zimri*, who
 had slain *Elah*. This is a
 year of great turbulency
 in the State of *Israel*. *Elah*
 was utterly de-
 stroyed with him: *Zimri* reigneth at *Tirzah*, but *Omri* is made King in the
 Camp at *Gibbethon*. In that very place had *Baasha* gotten the Kingdom
 by the slaughter of *Nadab* five and twenty years ago, 1 *King*. 15. 27.
 a siege being there then as it is now. *Omri* besiegeth *Zimri* in *Tir-
 zah*, and *Zimri* destroyeth himself and the Kings Pallace together. Then
 there is another competition and war betwixt *Omri* and *Tibni*, which con-
 tinueth till the thirty first year of *Afa*, 1 *King*. 16. 23. And then *Tibni* is
 overthrown, and *Omri* becometh sole and intire King. Howbeit in the ac-
 count that the Scripture giveth of *Omri*'s reign, saying, That he reigned
 twelve years. The beginning of these years is to be taken from the death of
Zimri, which was in the seven and twentieth of *Afa*, 1 *King*. 16. 15. There-
 fore whereas it is said in vers. 23. That in the one and thirtieth year of *Afa*
King of Judah, began *Omri* to reign over *Israel* twelve years; it is to be un-
 derstood, that his whole reign from the death of *Zimri* was twelve years,
 which expired in the eight and thirtieth of *Afa*, ver. 29. but that the first
 year of his sole and single Government, was *Afa*'s thirty first.

1 KINGS XVI. vers. 23. to
 the end.